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A Fountain Valley man was arrested Wednesday afternoon at the Prescott, Arizona home of his mother in connection with the Santa Ana stabbing death of his former girlfriend and the girlfriend's mother. Ronald James Blaney, Jr., 30, a deaf-mute, individual, was booked at the Yavapai County Jail in Prescott on suspicion of murdering Priscilla Vinci, 34, also deaf, and her mother, Josephine Vinci, 65.

(The bodies of Priscilla and Josephine Vinei had been discovered Monday evening in the kitchen of their home in the 1300 block of East Cherry Street, Santa Ana by Mary Mendoza, a neighbor who had become concerned when she had not seen the two in several days. Mendoza told police that all the doors of the house were locked and looking through the kitchen window she saw the two lying side by side. Both women were dead at the scene, the result of numerous stab wounds from what police described as "a sharp instrument."

"I've known them for so long, and to see them on the floor -- it was just devastating, "Mendoza said. "Their bodies were close, kind of facing each other. There was blood. I just didn't want to see anymore."

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According to Police Mendoza had told them that Priscilla Vinci was unhappy about her romance with Blaney that had recently ended. Josephine Vinci had told Mendoza a few days earlier that Blaney often struck Priscilla Vinci.

Santa Ana Detective Mike Alvarado said the Orange County District Attorney's office will be asked to charge Blaney with two counts of murder. Extradition proceedings will be initiated next week, according to Alvarado.

Investigators would not discuss a possible motive in the killings.

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